

Science in Business Administration and Accounting. He received his Law Degree from the University of Missouri—Kansas City. Ralph is currently President—Board of Directors of the Kansas City Downtown Minority Development Corporation, and the Vice President—Board of Directors of the Kansas City United Community Action Agency. He has served on multiple boards, including the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Greater Kansas City, the Salvation Army, the Greater Kansas City Urban League, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kansas City, the Kansas City Repertory Theater, Oakwood College, Park University, and the Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He serves with me as a Trustee of the National World War I Museum Board. Mr. Reid was recognized by Savoy Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential African Americans in Corporate America for 2010.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Reid's contributions to the State of Missouri and induct Mr. Ralph Reid into the Missouri Walk of Fame at its annual reception, hosted by myself and fellow Missourian, U.S. Representative WILLIAM LACY CLAY of St. Louis.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Ralph D. Reid and commending him on his induction into the Missouri Walk of Fame. Further, the entire State of Missouri is better because of his endless commitment to serving the residents of the State of Missouri and the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. He is a true role model, not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire nation. May his success serve as a stepping stone for Kansas Citizens in general and African Americans in particular who are eager to become as successful in their chosen profession and community activism.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BECTON,
DICKINSON AND COMPANY

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) in Canaan, CT. BD is an example of an innovative corporation who provides hard working Americans with high quality manufacturing jobs. Starting with only 8 associates in 1961 in a 25,000 square foot facility, BD's footprint in Canaan has expanded 8 times and now employs over 350 people, making it the largest employer in the community.

BD has been a world leader in medical technologies throughout the company's history. In 1925, BD patented the Yale Luer-Lok syringe, which provides a simple and secure way to lock a needle onto a syringe. To this day, the Luer-Lok connector is still the standard for syringes in the United States.

Continuing to revolutionize the medical industry, BD created the world's first disposable plastic syringe, the BD Plastipak, which was exclusively manufactured at the Canaan facility. The Canaan manufacturing facility in 2002 became the first site to manufacture BD's newest syringe, the BD Integra, which is

spring engineered to eliminate accidental needle-sticks and provide great dosing accuracy. The facility is the largest manufacturer of disposable syringes in the world, producing approximately two billion syringes annually.

Further, BD has been a great example of corporate social responsibility in Connecticut. The company served as the corporate sponsor for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in order to raise money in Northwest Connecticut for diabetes research. BD has donated generously to The United Way, and also mentors students from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. In 2007, BD was named to Ethisphere Magazine's inaugural list of most ethical companies, and has since placed on the list every year.

In reflection of the 50th anniversary of BD in Canaan, CT, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring a company that has truly transformed the medical technology industry.

HONORING YOUTH WHO REPRESENT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SOUTH FLORIDA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the outstanding youth who represent Junior Achievement of South Florida, and their effort to foster an understanding of the United States Constitution in our community.

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that provides thousands of students across the world with a series of business, economics, free-enterprise, and life-skills programs. In South Florida, the young people of Junior Achievement are truly shining through their work to bring the Spirit of Freedom Experience to the Junior Achievement World Huizenga Center at Broward College. Envisioned by President Ronald Reagan, the Spirit of Freedom Experience aims to boost reverence for the founding principles of our nation by presenting bronze plaque replicas of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights to communities across America. The efforts of these Floridians will culminate during this year's Constitution Week as five plaques, representing our nation's founding documents, will be unveiled to the South Florida community.

Among those present to recognize the work of Junior Achievement and to commemorate the unveiling of these historical documents is Captain Scott F. O'Grady, an American whose career in the military epitomizes the spirit of public service. In a story of great perseverance, Captain O'Grady survived in hostile territory for six days after his aircraft was struck down by a Soviet missile during a NATO mission in Bosnia. All those present for the Spirit of Freedom experience will undoubtedly be inspired by Captain O'Grady's courage and commitment to country.

Junior Achievement's efforts to prepare young people to succeed as individuals and as citizens are truly commendable. It is an honor to recognize a group of young Americans who have already accomplished so much on behalf of our community by bringing the Spirit of Freedom Experience to South Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen delay earlier this week, I was unable to vote on the following bills: H.R. 2076, H.R. 2633, and H.R. 1059 that were rollcall vote numbers 699–701. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: rollcall No. 699, H.R. 2076, Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011, "yea"; rollcall No. 700, H.R. 2633, Appeal Time Clarification Act, "yea"; rollcall No. 701, H.R. 1059, To protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes, "yea."

TRIBUTE TO USA NATIONAL TEAM AT THE 2011 RUGBY WORLD CUP

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States national rugby team, the Eagles, on their victory over Russia in the wee hours of this morning during the 2011 Rugby World Cup competition in New Zealand. Although rugby may not be as popular in the United States as many of our other sports, the Rugby World Cup is now established as the third biggest sporting event in the world behind the Olympic Games and FIFA World Cup for soccer.

The Eagles played their first match against Ireland on September 11 and lost to the much higher ranked team 22–10, after starting the day with a church service to commemorate the victims of the 9/11 attacks on the United States. I know this event held particular meaning for the members of the team from the Mid-Atlantic (MARFU) and Northeastern Rugby Union (NRU). Today's 13–6 win over Russia marks an important victory for the Eagles in their pool play at the tournament. I wish them the best of luck in their upcoming matches against Australia on September 23 and Italy just four days later.

My best wishes go to the host nation of New Zealand as they organize this event on the world stage for the second time in its 24 year history. At the inaugural Rugby World Cup in New Zealand in 1987 it is estimated 600,000 fans attended matches with 300 million people tuning in on television from 17 countries. The last World Cup in 2007, held in France, Scotland and Wales, saw 2.25 million fans filling the parks and 4 billion watching televised coverage from 200 nations. This year the numbers are expected to be even higher as the sport is growing in many countries, like ours, where it is the largest growing team sport on college and high school campuses across the nation. I wish New Zealand the best of luck and commend them for welcoming the millions of visitors to their shores for this spirited competition despite the devastating earthquakes suffered in Christchurch earlier this year.